

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Amended) A safety handle for attachment to a piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, said base member further defined as having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge;

a handgrip secured to said back surface, said handgrip including a photoluminescent material for storing light energy whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap is adapted to extend around a piling;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps wherein said handgrip is available for use in entry and exiting of a boat.

2. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 including wood engaging members positioned along said front surface of said base member.

3. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said base member and said handgrip are plastic.

4. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said base member and said hand grip are wood.

5. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

6. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for insertion through a through a slot-like opening located on said second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.

7. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around

a piling.

11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A safety handle for attachment to a piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, said base member further defined as having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge;

a handgrip secured to said back surface, said handgrip including a receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent light stick whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap is adapted to extend around a piling;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps wherein said handgrip is available for use in entry and exiting of a boat.

13. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 including wood engaging members positioned along said front surface of said base member.

14. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are plastic.

15. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are wood.

16. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

17. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for insertion through a through a slot-like opening located on said second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.

18. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

19. (New) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.